

Chapter 10.52 SNOWMOBILES

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10.52.010 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter:

- A. "Operate" means to control the operation of a snowmobile.
- B. "Operator" means a person who operates or is in actual control of a snowmobile.
- C. "Snowmobile" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice in a natural terrain, steered by wheels, skis or runners. (Ord. 80-36 § 1, 1980).

10.52.020 Operation unlawful when. It is unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile under the following circumstances:

- A. On private property of another without the express permission to do so by the owner or occupant of the property;
- B. On public schoolgrounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas and golf courses without express provision or permission to do so by the proper public authority;
- C. In a manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons;
- D. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the safety of any person or the property of any other person;
- E. Without having such snowmobile registered as provided for by statute except that this provision shall not apply to the operation of a snowmobile on the private property of the owner by the owner or a member of his immediate family;
- F. Within the right-of-way of any public street within the city except as provided in this chapter;
- G. Without a valid driver's license;
- H. At a speed in excess of fifteen miles per hour. (Ord. 80-36 § 2, 1980).

10.52.030 Equipment requirements. All snowmobiles operated within the city shall have the following equipment:

- A. At least one white headlamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a white light plainly visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet ahead during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions;
- B. At least one red tail lamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions;
- C. A brake system in good mechanical condition;

D. Reflective material of a minimum area of sixteen square inches mounted on each side of the cowling. Identifying numbers may be included in computing the required sixteen-square inch area;

E. Mufflers which are properly attached and which reduce the noise of operation of the vehicle to the minimum noise necessary for operating the vehicle and no person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass or similar device on the vehicle;

F. A safety or so called deadman throttle in operating condition; a “safety” or “deadman” throttle is defined as a device which when pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle causes the motor to be disengaged from driving track. (Ord. 80-36 § 4, 1980).

10.52.040 Areas of access to and from city designated. Designated areas available for the use of snowmobiles for the purpose of ingress and egress to and from the city:

A. Any alley within the city;

B. From the western corporate boundary of the city eastward on Thompson Avenue to the eastern corporate boundary of the city;

C. Market Street from the point of intersection of Market Street and Thompson Avenue to the northern corporate boundary;

D. Sixth Avenue between Thompson Avenue and Orange Street;

E. West Chestnut Street between Sixth Avenue and First Avenue;

F. East Chestnut Street between Market Street and Euclid Avenue;

G. Euclid Avenue from Orange Street to Penn Street;

H. Penn Street from Euclid Avenue to Eighth Street;

I. Eighth Street from Penn Street to Main Street;

J. Main Street from Eighth Street to Seventh Street;

K. Seventh Street from Main Street to the northern corporate boundary;

L. On other streets to make a direct crossing provided:

1. The crossing is made at an angle approximately ninety degrees to the direction of the street and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing, and

2. The snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the street, and

3. The operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes a hazard. (Ord. 80-36 § 3, 1980).

10.52.050 Traffic regulations must be observed. Each person operating a snowmobile shall strictly observe all traffic signs and signals and all other traffic rules and regulations applicable thereto, and shall obey the order and direction of any police officer of the city authorized to direct or regulate traffic. (Ord. 80-36 § 6, 1980).

10.52.060 Leaving vehicles unattended. It is unlawful for the owner or Operator to leave or allow a snowmobile to be or remain unattended on public property while the motor is running or with the keys for starting the vehicle left in the ignition. (Ord. 80-36 § 5, 1980).

10.52.070 Penalty for violation. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this chapter shall be fined as provided in Chapter 10.56. (Ord. 80-36 § 7, 1980).